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This page is 8.5X 11x17, so it is printable. Write a short summary of a Cabinet officer of your choice. These advisors are VERY important because they are responsible to implement the President's ideas and action on each issue. These are extremely demanding jobs and do not pay as much as could be earned in the private sector. Thus, many of his original team members have resigned to take other positions in the private sector, so there is an entirely new set of people and everyone has a different approach to the job. We think the "government" is always the same, but certainly not when it is under "new management." Obviously they are trusted [mostly Democrats] and loyal to the President, so change is minimal. However, Chuck Hagel (Defense) is a Republican, so Obama is willing to employ bipartisan talent. Importance of the Departments is indicated by size of their budgets and number of employees. Purpose of the Departments is usually obvious by the name, but additional explanations are provided in the lecture PDF.

Choose a Cabinet Office of interest to you. Research this office *from the website of the actual Department or White House.gov site* <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/cabinet> and make a 5-minute oral presentation to the class (jointly with other students who selected this same office) to explain its mission statement, duties, qualifications, background of the Nominee relevant to the job, and any controversy surrounding the confirmation. Also, identify any state or local agencies that coordinate with this office. Prioritize your facts to focus only on the important activities and current or recent events of the office. Please do not burden us with trivia or minor details of their lives such as birth dates or marital status! Takes notes in the spaces below during other students' presentations so you can reference them on the test.

Department		2009	Incumbent	2015 nominee	Budget (\$B) # of employees	
 Office of the Vice President	Vice President Joe Biden					
 Department of State	Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton		John Kerry		\$16. B 18,900 employees	

 Department of the Treasury	Secretary Timothy Geithner		Jacob Lew		\$19.5 B 116,000 employees	
 Department of Defense	Secretary Leon Panetta		Chuck Hagel		\$650. B 3,000,000	
 Department of Justice	Attorney General Eric Holder				\$46. B 112,500	
 Department of the Interior	Secretary Ken Salazar		Sally Jewel		\$90. B 71,000	<p>President & CEO of REI Outdoor Company, Seattle WA. She will supervise 500M acres of federal public lands, about fifth of the nation's land mass and vast offshore oil fields. Interior has a strong say in rules that govern hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, on public lands as well as drilling for oil and gas in the Arctic. It will help implement the president's push for more renewable energy development on federal land.</p>
 Department of Agriculture	Secretary Tom Vilsack				\$135. B 110,000	
 Dept. of Housing & Urban Development	Secretary Shaun Donovan		Julian Castro		\$40. B 10,600	

 <p>Department of Transportation</p>	<p>Secretary Ray LaHood</p>		<p>Anthony Foxx</p>		<p>\$73. B 58,600</p>	
 <p>Department of Energy</p>	<p>Secretary Steven Chu</p>		<p>Dr. Ernest Moniz</p>		<p>\$24. B 110,000</p>	
 <p>Department of Education</p>	<p>Secretary Arne Duncan</p>				<p>\$46. B 4,500</p>	
 <p>Department of Veterans' Affairs</p>	<p>Secretary Eric Shinseki</p>		<p>Bob MacDonald (Proctor & Gamble)</p>		<p>\$98. B 235,000</p>	
 <p>Department of Homeland Security</p>	<p>Secretary Janet Napolitano</p>		<p>Jeh Johnson</p>		<p>\$40.B 208,000</p>	
 <p>Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Secretary (Acting) Rebecca Blank</p>		<p>Connie Pritzker</p>		<p>\$16. B 43,800</p>	

 Department of Labor	Secretary Hilda Solis		Thos E. Perez		\$138. B 18,000	<p>Insure fair wages, safe working conditions, health benefits, and prepare workers for transition to information age and “green” technology.</p> <p>Dept Labor Statistics prepares the monthly jobs report to monitor the creation of new jobs and unemployment rate.</p>
 Dept. of Health & Human Services	Secretary Kathleen Sebelius		Sylvia Mathews Burwell		\$700. B (90 % = Medicare and Medicaid) 67,000	<p>HHS represents almost a quarter of all federal outlays, and it administers more grant dollars than all other federal agencies combined. HHS’ Medicare program is the nation’s largest health insurer, handling more than 1 billion claims per year. Medicare and Medicaid together provide health care insurance for one in four Americans.</p> <p>HHS works closely with state and local governments, and many HHS-funded services are provided at the local level by state or county agencies, or through private sector grantees. The Department’s programs are administered by 11 operating divisions, including eight agencies in the U.S. Public Health Service and three human services agencies. The department includes more than 300 programs, covering a wide spectrum of activities.</p>
 Executive Office of the President EOP	White House Chief of Staff Jacob Lew		Denis McDonough			
 Office of Management and Budget OMB	Director (Acting) Jeffrey Zients		Shaun Donovan			
 Environmental Protection Agency EPA	Adminis- trator Lisa P. Jackson		Gina McCarthy		\$9. B 19,000	

 Ambassador to the United Nations	Ambassador or Susan Rice		Samantha Power			
 Office of National Drug Control Policy	Director R. Gil Kerlikowske		Michael Botticelli			
 Office of U.S. Trade Representative	Ron Kirk		Michael Froman			
 Small Business Administration	Karen Mills					